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SUBJECT: PLO OBSERVER MISSION ISSUE

REF: (A) PARIS 8496; (B) TUNIS 2259

1. AS INITIALLY REPORTED TO DEPT. (REFTEL A), TUNISIAN PERMREP INDICATED TO US PERMDEL BY SECRETARIAT SOURCES AS HAVING MADE INITIAL CONTACTS IN INQUIRING ABOUT INSCRIPTION ON EXBD AGENDA, AND WHO SAID TO BE LOBBY-ING AMONG OTHER PERMDELS TO GAIN THEIR SUPPORT, OF ITEM ACCORDING PLO PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSION STATUS.

2. IN RESPONSE REFTTEL B, TUNISIAN PERMREP, RAFIK SAID, ALSO TOOK INITIATIVE TO SOUND OUT US PERMDEL ON LIKELY US REACTIONS, ALTHOUGH SAID DID NOT CITE ABOVE EFFORTS HE HAD PERSONALLY UNDERTAKEN FOR PLO ITEM. TUNISIAN PERMREP THEREFORE BEST DESCRIBED AS TAKING LEAD AS A PRIME MOVER ON ISSUE ENTAILING CLOSE CONCERT WITH OTHER ARAB PERMDELS HERE, AS WELL AS PLO'S IBRAHIM SOUSS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY, BUT UNSUCCESSFULLY, APPLIED
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DIRECTLY TO UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ACCREDITATION

AS RESIDENT PERMANENT OBSERVER. PLO IS LIKELY TRUE
INITIATOR OF BRINGING QUESTION TO EXBD.

3. CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IS THAT NO FORMAL DOCUMENT
REQUESTING INSCRIPTION OF ITEM ON AGENDA HAS YET BEEN
SUBMITTED TO EXBD SECRETARIAT NOR IS ANY DOCUMENT YET
AVAILABLE PROVIDING LANGUAGE OF EXACTLY WHAT STATUS WILL
BE SOUGHT FOR PLO.

4. MOST RECENT REPORTS CONTINUE TO INDICATE THAT
PROSPECTIVE ITEM WILL SEEK TO PROVIDE RESIDENT OBSERVER
MISSION STATUS AT UNESCO FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVE-
MENTS AND NOT RPT. NOT PLO ALONE. MOREOVER, ARAB
PERMDELS REPORTEDLY HAVE CONTACTED OTHER LDC'S--
NOTABLY LATIN AMERICANS AND BLACK AFRICANS--AND, AFTER
CAUTIONED BY LATTER ON FURTHER HARM THAT PLO ITEM COULD
CAUSE ALREADY DAMAGED IMAGE OF UNESCO, MAY NOW HAVE
UNDER CONSIDERATION MEASURES THAT WOULD FURTHER
INTEGRATE PLO-ALM'S INTO UNESCO BUT POSSIBLY AVOIDING
EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO GRANTING OBSERVER MISSION STATUS.

5. IN SUM, PERMDEL ANALYSIS OF LEGAL ASPECTS ARE: (A)
THAT ONLY MEMBER STATE GOVERNMENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO OPEN
PERMANENT DELEGATIONS WITH DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND
IMMUNITIES UNDER TERMS OF UNESCO-GOF HEADQUARTERS
AGREEMENT, (B) ONLY HOLY SEE AND A FEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RPT. INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS--MOST NOTABLY
ARAB LEAGUE EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANI-
ZATION (ALESCO) AND OAU-- DNSE-RMREP AND
HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN PERMITTED TO ACCREDIT
OBSERVERS BY DECISIONS OF UNESCO EXBD; (C) LATTER HOW-

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EVER DO NOT RPT. NOT ENJOY DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES OR IMMUNITIES AND (D) THAT COMBINED EFFECT OF PAST PRACTICE AND AMBIGUITY OF UNESCO STATUTES NEITHER EXPLICITLY GRANTS NOR DENIES EXBD AUTHORITY TO GRANT ORGANIZATION LIKE PLO PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS.

6. IT VERY POSSIBLE THAT SAID ACTING IN CONCERT OTHER ARAB PERMDELS AND PLO'S IBRAHIM SOUSS WITHOUT HAVING ASKED FOR GOT AUTHORIZATION. SAID, ALTHOUGH CORRECT AND OFTEN CORDIAL IN CONTACTS WITH US PERMDEL, MAY HAVE SEEN OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-ADVANCEMENT IN ISSUE THAT CURRENTLY A STRONG TREND IN UN FORA.

7. PERMDEL SOUNDINGS INDICATE THERE ARE SUFFICIENT VOTES FOR PRO PLO ITEM TO PASS IF IT IS INSCRIBED. ONLY RESISTANCE, AS INDICATED PARA 4 ABOVE, BUT THAT UNLIKELY TO BE TRANSLATED INTO VOTES AGAINST, STEMS FROM BLACK AFRICAN RELUCTANCE TO SEE ISSUE ARISE THAT WILL PROVKE FURTHER CRITICISM AGAINST UNESCO. AFRICANS SEEM INTERESTED IN FINDING WAY OUT OF PROBLEM--POSSIBLY BY AT LEAST POSTPONING ACTION TO ANOTHER BOARD SESSION--AND PRECLUDE ANOTHER CRISIS FOR ORGANIZATION.

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8. PERMDEL CONTINUING DUIETLY EXERT STRONG PRESSURE THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACTS TO INDICATE US OPPOSITION AND SO ENCOURAGE MORE ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE.
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